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SUBJECT: VANCE MEETING WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL MET WITH SECRETARY DESIGNATE VANCE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 21. THE MEETING LASTED ONE HOUR, AND DEALT ONLY WITH QUESTION OF US-TURKISH DCA AND CYPRUS.

2. ESENBEL EXPLAINED IMPORTANCE TO HIS COUNTRY OF EARLY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON US-TURKISH DCA, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER CONTENT OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY 19 FOLLOWING TRANSMISSION OF DCA TO THE CONGRESS BY PRESIDENT FORD.

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3. SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE SAID THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WISHED TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIP WITH TURKEY AND TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE CAUSED IN PAST YEARS. AT SAME TIME, PROCESS OF TRANSITION WAS UNDER WAY IN THIS COUNTRY AND INCOMING ADMINISTRATION SIMPLY HAD TO REVIEW COMPLEX OF ISSUES INVOLVING GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS. IT HAD INFORMED CONGRESS SOME WEEKS AGO OF ITS INTENTION TO CONDUCT

THIS REVIEW,AN EFFORT WHICH WOULD TAKE SOME ADDITIONAL WEEKS TO COMPLETE.

4. VANCE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF THE US-TURKISH AGREEMENT IS TO GET THROUGH CONGRESS, MUCH SPADEWORK WOULD BE NECESSARY. MANY IN THE CONGRESS FELT STRONGLY ABOUT CYPRUS, AND HAD TRANSLATED THAT CONCERN INTO AN INTEREST IN OTHER GREEK-TURKISH ISSUES. THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO DO THE MISSIONARY WORK IN THE CONGRESS WHICH IT FELT WAS REQUIRED, AND FOR THIS REASON HAD NOT WANTED THE TURKISH DCA TO GO FORWARD NOW. THE DOCUMENT HAD NONETHELESS BEEN SENT TO THE HILL, AND THE NEW ADMINISTRATION FELT THAT THE ONLY WAY TO FORESTALL MANY IN THE CONGRESS FROM TAKING A PUBLIC STANCE IN OPPOSITION TO THE AGREEMENT WAS TO MAKE THE KIND OF STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED ON WEDNESDAY.

5. MR. VANCE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE TURKISH POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE DCA AND PLEDGED THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD WORK AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE ITS INTERNAL STUDIES, AND THEN SEEK TO MOVE FORWARD CONSTRUCTIVELY IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE THE US RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY.

6. DISCUSSION OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE COVERED LITTLE NEW GROUND. ESENBEL PRESENTED VANCE WITH A COPY OF THE DENKTASH LETTER TO ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND SAID ANKARA HAD PUSHED DENKTASH TO SEND LETTER AND TO MEET WITH MAKARIOS ON JANUARY 27. ANKARA HOPED MEETING WOULD LEAD TO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS ISSUES BEGINNING WITH CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEES OF CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS AND MOVING EVENTU-
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